

FOREST HILL.

(Intended for last week.)
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wood spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Leland. Otis Capen and family returned home after spending the holidays with



THIRTY MEN'S Overcoats

with convertible collars will be placed on sale

Friday,
January 22

AT

\$3.98
each

Everyone should have an overcoat at these prices

G. J. Maier

The Clothing Man
ALMA

Manufacturer's Clothing Sale

for 15 days, commencing
Jan. 20, lasting till Feb. 6

\$10.00 Quality All-Wool Suit	\$6.25
15.00 Quality All-Wool Suit	\$8.78
20.00 Quality All-Wool Suit	\$11.25
25.00 Quality All-Wool Suit	\$13.50
Boys' All-Wool Norfolk, 7 to 14 years	\$3.55
Boys' All-Wool Norfolk, 15 to 17 years	\$3.75
\$10.00 Quality Overcoats	\$6.75
15.00 Quality Overcoats	\$8.78
18.00 Quality Overcoats	\$11.25
Boys' \$1.00 Quality Overcoats	\$4.45

M. A. MEDLER

I. O. O. F. HALL

relatives in Wheeler.

Vera Barnhart of Lima, Ohio, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. Best.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Brewer returned home from Saginaw, where they have been spending their vacation with the parents of Mr. Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Emery Parsons.

Misses Clara and Dora Hamilton have been quite sick with scarlet fever, but are improving.

School is closed this week on account of scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Vandemark visited her sister near Shepherd Sunday.

Several from around here drove to Alma Sunday to see the ruins of the fire.

Mrs. John Anthony's two sisters and children came Monday to spend the week with her.

Mrs. Ray Vandemark entertained her nephew and niece from near Elwell Sunday.

Miss Bessie Small and Carl Vandebek returned home from Oscoda county, where they were spending the holidays.

Little Louise Towersy was brought home from her sister's Monday quite sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wood spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cage Wood.

Carl Wood met with rather a serious accident receiving painful injuries.

SUMNER GRANGE

(Intended for last week.)

Sumner Grange, No. 893, met in regular session Saturday evening, January, 1915, to install their new officers. About thirty from Riverdale were present at the meeting. Music was furnished by the Seaman Orchestra.

S. D. Parks was the installing officer of the evening, and he was ably assisted by S. Arris and five ladies. A splendid drill was given by the Riverdale members, and several short speeches in regard to the benefits of the order were given.

A very fine supper followed the business of the meeting, and dancing was then enjoyed by all.

The members of the Grange are all encouraged to enter the contest for the watch fob that is to be presented by the State Master. All those who succeed in getting two new members or reinstating three delinquent members will assist the Grange in winning the prize.

A pair of horses owned by James Barney and attached to a heavy sled were frightened on Superior street at about four o'clock Friday afternoon, and ran for some distance. The sled collided with several sleighs during its wild run on Superior street, but no serious damage was done.

957,418 HOMES IN THE STATE.

The report of the Census Bureau states that there are 957,418 homes in the state, 31 percent of which are owned by farmers. The number of homes free from incumbrance are 241,966; 152,441 are encumbered, and 247,152 are rented.

In 1890 there were 455,004 homes in the state and thirty-nine percent of these were occupied by farmers. The census of 1900 gives 548,094 homes and thirty-seven percent of these were farm homes.

Throughout the entire nation there are 20,255,555 homes; of this number 6,123,510 are farm homes, and 14,131,945 are suburban homes.

Cushion Covers Made of Odds and Ends From the Remnant Counters



SILK AND BROCADE CUSHION COVERS.

MANY odds and ends of cretonne, tapestry or brocade may be picked up in the shops. At the sales remnants of this kind are frequently to be had for a trifle. They make handsome covers for sofa or couch pillows. Finished with a little fancy braid or fringe, they are handsome and useful accessories to the furnishing of any room. The pillows illustrated here were fashioned of silk and brocade and trimmed with braid and fringe. They have a decidedly oriental appearance and are of the popular oblong shape.

The Cowboy Suit.

One of the made in America fashions is the cowboy costume which embodies American traditions, yet is so distinctly modish and up to date that young women are adopting it with enthusiasm.

One of these cowboy costumes worn at a southern resort has a short skirt of pussy willow silk in narrow red and white "peppermint" stripes. There are two groups of three rows of red velvet ribbon around the skirt, the velvet being the same width as the stripes. Little bows are placed on the skirt at intervals between the groups of ribbon trimming.

A jacket of red pussy willow silk shows a waistcoat of white lace and sleeves of red and white striped silk. Below the short skirt will appear but-toned boots of patent leather, with light gray tops, and red silk stockings will match the red silk jacket.

CARE OF NAILS.

Those who have not thought it worth while heretofore should begin now to care for their nails. The little time spent at this will show in good looking nails before very long. The outfit costs so little almost any one can afford it.

Be careful to get a good nail polish, as a rough, inferior one is apt to scratch the nails and in time thicken them.

Pantaloettes Appear.

Pantaloettes are with us—that is, a designer has dared to launch them for our approval. And really they are such fascinating, pretty little things, peeping out from the bottom of a very full skirt.

Smart Veils Draped to Fall In The Fashionable Flaring Lines



SHADOW LACE VEIL.

THE woman of fashion may be known by the veil she wears. Each season has its particular style of veil and favored method of wearing it. This season the preference seems to be for the bordered veil worn in draped style. The black velvet motoring hat illustrated here is completed by a veil of black shadow lace gracefully draped over the narrow brim and edged with a narrow band of black satin. The flare which fashion is insisting upon may be observed even in the lines of the veil.

Milady's Mirror

Avoid Nervous Grimacing.

A great destroyer of beauty lines in the face is the nervous twisting of the lips and grimaces. Many women are guilty of these when talking. They are unbecoming habits and are the means of developing many ugly lines and wrinkles that prematurely age one.

Time, worry and habit are three things that line the forehead with furrows and bring a sagging condition of the muscles, especially affecting the muscles under the chin. When these muscles lose their elasticity the result is the unsightly double chin.

The reason that furrows (wrinkles) make their appearance on the countenance of an aged person is due to the fact that the fat underlying the skin becomes absorbed. Consequently the cuticle loosens and becomes wrinkled. To remedy this condition gently massage these parts with good skin food; then before retiring adjust a forehead band which has been anointed with skin food. This should be worn each night.

Sagging cheek muscles may be strengthened and contracted with massage and an astringent lotion and, as has been said before, tightly bound up overnight with a band—either muslin or rubber.

In regard to premature wrinkles caused by worry or habits, they should not only be treated with massage, as previously directed, but one should learn to control the muscles to obtain a calm and pleasant expression, which is a great aid to beauty.

A Graceful Figure.

Quite often the figure of a pretty girl is spoiled by stooping shoulders, a contracted chest or a careless, slouching gait. Yet by devoting a little spare time every day to some physical exercises these evils may be overcome. Many and various are the forms of calisthenics. The daily use of dumbbells will strengthen all the muscles of the arms and chest and at the same time promote a free circulation of the blood.

Then there is the expander. This is formed of a strip of the very strongest kind of elastic, with loops or handles at each end to hold. It can easily be made at home. It should be held in both hands and be slowly expanded and passed over the head. This tends to develop the chest and strengthen the back.

Exercises of this sort should be performed regularly every day, and they must be done steadily, slowly and firmly.

Dress for any form of muscular exercise should be light, flexible and woolen. No corsets should be worn, and the bodice and underclothing must be large enough to allow perfect freedom of the arms.

The Hands In Cold Weather.

To preserve the hands in good condition in cold weather they should, whenever possible, be washed in tepid water, and if this is softened by a teaspoonful of borax so much the better.

Be sure to use a soap of good quality, and when drying the hands take the precaution of rubbing each finger separately.

If the hands are rubbed over once a day with a slice of lemon and a little cold cream or if nutmeg tallow is rubbed into them thoroughly before going to bed at night there will be little danger of the skin becoming chapped or rough.

Chapped hands are almost always caused by insufficient drying after washing or perhaps the water was icy cold and very hard or used too hot. Both extremes are bad for the skin.

Tonic For the Hands.

An excellent tonic astringent and bleach for the hands is made from one ounce of strained honey, one ounce of lemon juice and one ounce of cologne.

Blend thoroughly and rub into the hands at night, then draw on a pair of large kid gloves, having the palms slit for ventilation. Wash off in tepid water in the morning.

Where a woman does her own housework or assists with it to the extent of coming in contact with grime and grease, hot and cold water, the lemon rub after washing the hands will tend to keep them in good condition.

With rubber gloves to wear when housework is done it is possible to shield the hands from strong soap, varying temperatures of water and direct contact with dirt which coarsens the texture of the skin.

Beautiful Gray Hair.

Once gray hair is an accomplished fact and not merely a threat, its possessor soon begins to realize its beauty. It should be frequently shampooed so that it is even in color and smooth in texture, and it should be brushed carefully and regularly and often indulged in sun and air baths.

Gray hair will be of a more uniform shade if borax is put in the water in which it is washed, and if the hair is an ugly yellowish gray or white a little blueing will remove the offensive tinge.

Of course gray hair must be carefully dressed, and the best effects are got when it is slightly undulated and then dressed high on the head or rolled off the ears and brow and into a soft French twist at the back.

Woman's World

Helen Gardner Thinks Moving Pictures an Aid in Beauty Culture.



MISS HELEN GARDNER.

Miss Helen Gardner, the beautiful star of the moving picture theaters, has very decided views as to what constitutes beauty. Real loveliness lies in the poise and control of expression, she avers.

"I believe," says Miss Gardner, "that as a promoter of real beauty, the beauty of expression, the picture play is without an equal. Symmetrical features and clearness of skin are desirable gifts, and the possessor of them is fortunate, indeed, but beauty of expression is to be envied more than a beautiful complexion."

"Unlike upon the speaking stage, the figures on the screen are enlarged to many times their natural size, and in the closing 'close up' scenes every muscle of the face and every movement of the eyes used to express the different emotions are shown as though under a magnifying glass."

"The successful motion picture actress is a thorough mistress of the art of expressive action and by it attracts and holds the interest and sympathy of her audiences. Paint and powder and colored stage settings play no part in the influence she exercises of the attention she commands. It is her beauty—not the symmetrical beauty of face or figure, but the beauty of traits and the magnetism of soul reflected and glorified in expression—that is the real charm."

"Stick to your creams and your rouges if you will. They are harmless little vanities. But study beauty of expression if you would be genuinely attractive."

RIBBON FLOWERS.

Dainty Ornaments That May Be Fashioned by Deft Fingers.

Flower novelties have been immensely popular this season. Artificial flowers, particularly the handmade ones of silk and satin, have been used in trimming evening gowns, fancy blouses



RIBBON TEA ROSE.

girdles, in the decoration of millinery, as corsage ornaments and boutonniere.

To make some of the more elaborate of these ornaments requires an unerring taste and deft hand, for much depends on the combination of colors and the adjustment of folds or foliage.

Illustrated here is a dainty yellow rose of soft ribbon in a shade that suggests tea rose. The ribbon is joined together at the ends and has rows of gathered stitching running crosswise to give the fullness to the flower. An artificial center, stem, sepals and leaves are provided for the flower.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the common council of the city of Alma in council rooms on the above date. The council was called to order by the mayor, Hon. Albert P. Cook.

Present—Aldrs. Rowland, McConkey, Willard, Ogden and Ward. There being a quorum present, the council was declared to be in session.

The Journal of the preceding session was read and approved.

On motion of Ald. Rowland, supported by Ald. Ward, that the communication from S. F. Anderson relative to taxes be laid on the table. Motion carried.

On motion of Ald. Ward, supported by Ald. Ogden, that the clerk be instructed to issue an order to Jessie McKenzie for \$7.22, Alma State Savings Bank for \$6.01 and J. E. Fuller for \$16.84 to correct error on rolls which vote was as follows: Yeas—Aldrs. Rowland, Willard, Ogden and Ward.

On motion of Ald. Ward, supported by Ald. Ogden, that the following claims be allowed at footing and the clerk be instructed to issue orders for the same, which vote was as follows: Yeas—Aldrs. Rowland, McConkey, Willard, Ward and Ogden.

General Fund.

H. D. Edwards & Co., fire hose	\$980.00
Alma Grain & Lumber Co., lights	262.71
Alma Grain & Lumber Co., city hall	14.78
D. P. Hole, bill	1.60
Detroit Trust Co., lights	54.10
Union Telephone Co., phones	9.95
Michigan Telephone Co., phones	9.75
Alma Record Co., bill	3.05
W. A. Brunner, bill	.75
C. A. Ogil & Son, bill	6.00
F. V. Grover, bill	.35
Lee Lybolt, bill	5.15
Henry French, night watch	1.80
C. Eyer, night watch	2.40
P. M. Smith, special assessor	12.00
T. J. Clark, special assessor	12.00

Highway Fund.

Henry Cram, gravel	23.00
Alma Grain & Lumber Co., water	225.52

Water Fund.

J. E. Page, bill	1.60
H. J. Voller, labor	25.00

Cemetery Fund.

Grant Bremer, bill	15.00
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On motion of Ald. Ward, supported by Ald. Rowland, the council adjourned.

D. W. ADAMS, City Clerk.

ALBERT P. COOK, Mayor.

M. A. C. RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE.

The most vital institution in the open country is the school. It is not only the educational center for the community, but in many cases is the social and cultural center as well. The school, in many instances, decides whether or not the child becomes dissatisfied with country life; it gives the child those ideals which are to guide his future. Right now, many farmers are asking themselves and their neighbors this question: "Is our school really doing its job?" In other words, the farmers of the future are going to demand higher and better things of this fundamental institution. In fact, they are already demanding more efficiency in the school.

This new movement has been recognized by the Michigan Agricultural College in its plan to hold a Conference for Rural Leaders in connection with its summer session next July. Lectures, discussions, etc., will be given along practical lines for all interested in rural problems. A special bulletin gives detailed information and can be had upon application.

WHEELER SCHOOL NOTES.

The tenth grade have dropped algebra and have taken up commercial arithmetic.

Hugh Smith was absent Friday. Clara Smith visited school Wednesday.

The reading circle books have arrived.

The class in current events has been resumed.

The English classes are studying Dickens' "David Copperfield."

The tenth grade history class is studying the French Revolution, and the grade is reviewing Greek and Roman history for the semester test.

There have been several tardy marks during the past week.

Alfreda Barnes and Arthur Ellsworth are the banner pupils of the primary room, having received 100 every day during the last week in number work and spelling respectively.

The third grade have finished their readers. They will read in Elson's third book.

Beatrice Rich, Lucile Powell, Alfreda Barnes, Roy Allen, Jennie Kenny, Beatrice Hammond, Homer Hale and Harry Gephart received pictures as a reward for good behavior during the past week.

Mr. C. Rudeck was in Wheeler on Friday.

Mrs. Fred Wright of Lansing has been spending the past week visiting numerous friends here.

The Fortnightly Society of the First Presbyterian Church held their annual Praise Service last Sunday evening at seven p. m. A very interesting lecture was given by Rev. J. N. Rogers, who for the past nine years has been engaged in mission service work in the Upper Peninsula.